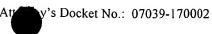
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REMARKS

Claims 1-47 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. In addition, claims 48-62 have been added herein. Thus, claims 48-62 are pending. The specification as filed provides support for these amendments. For example, page 4, lines 4-13 disclose that a patient's HLA-DRB1 alleles and frequency of CD4⁺/CD28^{null} cells can be used to determine the predisposition to develop severe disease. Thus, no new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that claims 48-62 are in condition for examination, which action is requested. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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